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SUBJECT: UNRWA AND TQ FINANCING FOR JORDAN

REF (A) STATE 224797, (B) AMMAN 4661

1. PURSUANT TO INSTRUCTIONS IN REFTEL AND DURING GENERAL PRESENTATIONAL ON FINAL TQ PROGRAM FOR JORDAN (SEPTTEL) I HAD CHANCE TO SET RECORD STRAIGHT WITH PRIME MINISTER BADRAN ON SEPT 11 ON QUESTION OF PRINCIPLES GOVERNING US FUNDING AND ITS AID PROGRAMS.

2.I TOLD THE PRIME MINISTER THAT US HAD DECIDED NOT TO DIVERT FUNDS FROM JORDAN TQ PROGRAM TO UNRWA. PRIME MINISTER SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED SUBJECT WITH CROWN PRINCE FOLLOWING MY SEPT 9 MEETING WITH CROWN PRINCE INFORMING HIM THAT SEPT 7 UNRWA PAYMENT WOULD NOT BECOMING FROM TQ FUNDS FOR JORDAN. I REPLIED THAT THE USG HAD MADE THIS DECISION IN THIS INSTANCE WHICH I KNEW WOULD PLEASE JORDAN. AS A GENERAL PRINCIPLE HOWEVER WE DO SOMETIMES DECIDE TO USE SUCH EXPEDIENTS SINCE THIS IS ESSENTIALLY A QUESTION OF INTERNAL US POLICIES GOVERNING THE USE OF OUR FOREIGN ASSISTANCE FUNDS.PRIME MINISTER NODDED IN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
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OF THIS POINT.

3. COMMENT:. I BELIEVE PRIME MINISTER WHO
RATHER THAN CROWN PRINCE HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR
HANDLING BUDGET AND US AID QUESTIONS GOT MY
POINT AND THAT RECORD HAS BEEN SET STRAIGHT ON
THIS ISSUE. FURTHERMORE I DO NOT BELIEVE CROWN
PRINCE HASSAN IN REF B INTENDED TO QUESTION SOVEREIGN
RIGHT OF USG TO DISPOSE OF ITS OWN FUNDS. HE WAS
REALLY QUESTIONING THE PRACTICE IN TERMS OF ITS
ADVERSE EFFECTS ON USG BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH AID
RECIPIENTS OF DIVERTING COUNTRY PROGRAMS FUNDS FOR
OTHER PURPOSES AFTER COUNTRY ALLOCATIONS LEVEL ARE
KNOWN.
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